

institutions. There are several BGOs, besides that, private organisations are there, universities are there and institutes are there. There is no dearth for such kind of institutes.

[Translation]

SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, just now an hon. Member asked a question about imparting training to the unemployed youth on the basis of the Abid Hussain Committee report. My question is whether the Govt. is contemplating the formulation of a scheme of imparting training on the basis of the Govt. of India's Standing Committee report on Industries laid before the Parliament? Will the Govt. consider the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Standing Committee report?

[English]

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: I am sorry. I am not getting you about that report. I will definitely look into the report and take action ...*(Interruptions)* Madam, what is the report? ...*(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA: Does the Govt. intend to implement the scheme for imparting training to the unemployed youths as recommended in the Parliamentary Standing Committee Report?

[English]

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: The report is being studied by a group of officials in my Ministry. I will report to you as and when the action is taken ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR: It is a direct indication that whatever Standing Committees have been established by the Parliament and whatever Reports have been submitted by them, they have been totally ignored by the Ministry. It is a direct example.

MR. SPEAKER: Are you a Chairman of any Standing Committee? I think, 'no'.

(Interruptions)

SHRI P.C. THOMAS: As we all know, P.M.R.Y. is a very good scheme. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR: I am the Chairman of a Standing Committee. But they should follow the report. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI P.C. THOMAS: P.M.R.Y. is a very good scheme. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: The Report is being studied. He will come back.

(Interruptions)

PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Sir, you direct the Government to accept the recommendations of the Standing Committees. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Sir, as we all know, P.M.R.Y. is a very good scheme and with a very good intention. Though the control at the outset, is with the Ministry of Industry, yet the final control is with the Ministry of Finance. But the coordination between the Ministry of Industry and the Ministry of Finance in this regard is very poor.

Sir, I suggest that the Ministers should sit together and evolve some programme ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: I think, it is a very good suggestion.

(Interruptions)

SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Let the answer also come. ...*(Interruptions)* There is a practical difficulty that nobody is getting the loan. ...*(Interruptions)*. They are sitting together. Let them take action.

MR. SPEAKER: They are already sitting together here.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS: They are sitting together, but they are not talking together ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: It is a very good suggestion.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: We will sit together and take action ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI P.C. THOMAS: I think, they should talk together and evolve something to see that the P.M.R.Y. loan is given to the deserving candidates. This is not only a suggestion but I am putting a question whether something is evolved by way of finding a solution to the lot of problems which have been posed in this regard. A lot of difficulties have been found in the field for getting these loans. Is there any formula?

MR. SPEAKER: I think, it is enough.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: In this regard, I have already taken two meetings with the State Governments and also with the bank authorities. If any specific instances are brought to my notice, I will definitely take action.

MR. SPEAKER: Shrimati Geeta Mukherjee, one short question, please.

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: I would like to know whether there is any monitoring with regard banking finance as well as cess. Banking finance and marketing are the two things which ultimately put everything in chaos.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: Sir, constant monitoring is taking place. But I would beg to submit that West Bengal is lagging behind in P.M.R.Y. ...*(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

Cracke in Raniganj Coal Areas

246. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY:

SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV:

*Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that excessive coal mining is taking place in many mines;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether wide cracks have appeared in the Raniganj coal areas and its surroundings due to excessive coal mining, which have caused danger to the mines and residences of nearby areas and the situation can be more dangerous in the rainy season;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action, the Government contemplate to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (e) A Statement is laid down on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) Extraction of coal in mines takes place in accordance with the approval granted by the Director General of Mines safety (DGMS). According to Coal India Ltd. (CIL), no excessive coal mining is taking place in mines.

(c) and (d) Cracks/subsidence at surface may occur due to planned subsidence and unplanned subsidence. Planned subsidence is caused due to extraction of coal seam by caving. Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (ECL) have reported that no unplanned subsidence has taken place in the Raniganj coal areas and its surroundings due to present mining operations. However, 16 cases of subsidence had taken place in the last 3 years in Asanoli-Raniganj coal belt of West Bengal mainly due to underground mining carried out under shallow depths before the nationalisation of coal mines.

(e) In the absence of any proven technology to stabilise unstable inaccessible underground workings, action has been taken to stabilise densely populated areas through an innovative technology of Hydro-pneumatic stowing technique. Further, with a view to solving of the problem of subsidence and fire in Raniganj and Jharia coalfields in a comprehensive manner, a Committee has been constituted with Secretary (Coal) as the Chairman and representatives of Planning Commission, Ministry of labour, Govt. of West Bengal and Bihar, DGMS, CIL, CMPDI and BCCL as members.

[English]

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I am sorry. I did not know that the coal sector is on this side also.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Ramtahal Chaudhary, you can put one quick question. You have thirty seconds with you.

[Translation]

SHRI RAMTAHAL CHAUDHARY: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the time is running out. I wanted to briefly term from the hon. Minister whether it is a fact that due to excessive mining activities crevices have developed in and around Raniganj coalfield. Hon. Minister did not give a satisfactory answer to it. He has stated that excessive mining is not undertaken owing to security reasons.

MR. SPEAKER: The time is over.

SHRI RAMTAHAL CHAUDHARY: What is the extent of loss due to 16 cases of seepage just now mentioned by him and whether compensation has been paid for that? In addition to this, cases of sinking are there. I want to know who is responsible for that?

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Industrial Growth Centres

*244. SHRI CHITTA BASU:

PROF. P.J. KURIEN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial growth centres sanctioned in the country so far, State-wise and location-wise;

(b) the number out of these centres completed/functioning;

(c) the total amount released by the Government on each growth centre so far;

(d) the total amount spent by the State Governments on growth centres;

(e) whether the Government have given up the growth centres scheme; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) Under the Growth Centre Scheme till date, a total number of 54 Growth Centres have been sanctioned all over the country as per the Statement-I attached. These Growth Centres are at various stages of implementation. For this purpose the Central Government has released an amount of Rs. 235 crores approximately to the various State Governments as per Statement-II attached depending upon the progress of implementation of the growth centres. The State Governments have reported release of their contribution of Rs. 128 crores approximately as on 1-4-97.

(e) At present there is no question of winding up of the growth centre scheme.

(f) Does not arise.